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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

--22. (Canceled).

23. (Amended) An armored transparent partition, comprising:

a substantially planar laminated transparent element having at least two transparent layers extending substantially in the plane of said transparent element, wherein said at least two layers comprise two sheets of glass and an interpolated adhesive layer; and

at least one rigid protuberance fixed to at least one of said layers and extending, substantially in the plane of said transparent element, beyond a periphery of at least one of said layers, wherein said at least one rigid protuberance comprises a metal insert is mounted between said two sheets of glass and forms an extension of said adhesive layer, said at least one rigid protuberance extending in the plane of the interpolated adhesive layer and having a width substantially the same as a width of the interpolated adhesive layer.

25. (Canceled).

27. (Amended) [The armored transparent partition of Claim 23] An armored transparent partition, comprising:

a substantially planar laminated transparent element having at least two transparent layers extending substantially in the plane of said transparent element; and

at least one rigid protuberance fixed to at least one of said layers and extending, substantially in the plane of said transparent element, beyond a periphery of at least one of

said layers, wherein said at least two layers comprise, in order, a first sheet of glass, a first polyvinylbutyral adhesive layer, a second sheet of glass, a second polyvinylbutyral adhesive layer, a third sheet of glass, a polyurethane adhesive layer, and a polycarbonate layer, and wherein said at least one rigid protuberance extends between said first and second sheets of glass, and forms an extension of said first polyvinylbutyral adhesive layer.--